

I live in rural Maine. We have fiber optic cable running down our rural road. My town selectmen "forced" the Cable TV provider to invest in this fiber network, and I'm glad they did. I have subscribed to this service for years, and love it. They don't interfere with TV, Hams, Shortwave listeners, the Fire Department, or any other uses.

There are still some places where broadband Internet service is not available, and those people I know use satellite. There are a few people who have too many trees to make satellite service possible. So, I can see how BPL services would meet the need for a small minority of people who do not have any other alternative.

The issues that concern me revolve around the harmful interference that comes from BPL. Recent studies by the NTIA, seem to prove earlier findings by the Ham Radio group: the ARRL. I believe strongly the FCC has a responsibility to clamp down and control the harmful effects of this new technology now, before it gets out of hand. Make sure the manufacturers prove that they can make gear that will not cause harmful interference. Regulate it! and make sure they do not cause harmful interference for the many uses of 2-80 mhz.

Thank you.

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